FERRET SYMPTOMS:

The information included is not intended to replace the medical advice of a qualified veterinarian. If your ferret's health is in question, please seek veterinary assistance.

IS THE FERRET LETHARGIC & NOT EATING?

YES — Yes, the ferret is lethargic & not eating...

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Discharge from Eyes & Nostrils

Sneezing

Coughing

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Cold/Upper Respiratory Infection (URI)

DIAGNOSIS: Clinical observations.

TREATMENT: Isolate affected ferrets. Monitor appetite and drinking, keep nostrils and eyes clear of discharge as needed. May need to administer antibiotics for secondary bacterial infections if discharge is yellow or green.

PREVENTION: Isolate affected animals and monitor health.

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Tender Belly/Bloating Diarrhea, Stringy Feces

Straining to Eliminate Waste

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Intestinal Blockage

DIAGNOSIS: Palpation and X-ray.

TREATMENT: Administer Marshall Ferret LAX as directed.

PREVENTION: Keep environment safe and free from small indigestible objects, which can lead to blockages - intestinal foreign bodies.

NO — No, the ferret is active & eating but...

DOES THE FERRET HAVE DIARRHEA?

YES — Yes, the ferret has diarrhea...

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Straining to Eliminate Waste

Inflamed/Red Rectal Area

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Prolapse

DIAGNOSIS: Based on visual assessment of symptoms.

TREATMENT: Room temperature bath to soothe the area. Administer Preparation H 2 times daily.

PREVENTION: Manage stress, ensure access to water and proper diet.

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Yellow or Green Stool

Dehydration

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Diarrhea

DIAGNOSIS: Clinical observations, further diagnostic testing for confirmation.

TREATMENT: Pepcid AC is an effective treatment. Crush a 10 mg tablet and add 10 cc of water. Recommended dosage is .25 cc given 2-3 times a day

PREVENTION: Manage stress, ensure access to water and proper diet.

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No Additional Symptoms

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Intestinal Parasites (Coccidia)

DIAGNOSIS: Fecal exam.

TREATMENT: Vet administer direction only or dewormer.

PREVENTION: Regular removal of feces from cage environment.

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Excessive Scratching Around Face & Ears

Dark Discharge in Ear Canals

Excessive Head Shaking

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Ear Mites

DIAGNOSIS: Microscopic identification of mites and discharge on swab.

TREATMENT: Topical ear mite medications that are safe for use in kittens are generally safe for use in ferrets.

PREVENTION: Inspect ferret's ears regularly, isolate affected animals and treat.

If you have any questions or concerns about the ferrets health please call 1-800-292-3424.

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